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#### **ISICSB FirstNet Broadband Committee Meeting**

Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS)  
Ole O. Roe Learning Center (Room 122)  
215 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Des Moines, IA 50319  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020  
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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## **FIRSTNET MEETING MINUTES**

### **Call to Order/Conference Line**

Meeting called to order by Chair Bischof at 9:00 a.m.

Conference telephone line and GoTo Meeting was open for public listening and board members who were unable to attend.

**Committee Members Present In-Person:** None.

**Committee Members Present via Conference Line & GoTo Meeting:** Michele Bischof, Brian Blodgett, Rob Dehnert, Chris Maiers, Corey Trucke

**Committee Member Regrets:** Blake DeRouchey, Jason Hoffman, Joel Rohne

**Guests on Conference Line & GoTo Meeting:** David Barnett, Brian Cole, Steve Devine, Kevin Ford, Danny Noble, Kyle Richardson

**Committee Members Absent:** Steph Coffey, Eric Dau, Dennis Hart, Jason Hoffman, Larry Hurst, Mike Jensen, Gerard Meyers, William McClain, Shawn Olson, Larry Smith, Curtis “Wally” Walser, Jim Wittenwyler Bob Younie

**Guest Attendees:** Hollie Davidson



## Welcome Remarks – Chair Bischof

Chair Bischof welcomed the group and introductions of those present via GoTo Meeting and the conference line were made.

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## Review Action Items from Previous Meeting

### a. Update on “Who’s on FirstNet” Database (Brian Blodgett)

- Nebraska has been added to the database
- Minnesota is interested in joining the database

### b. 911 FirstNet Host Remote Update (Blake DeRouchey)

No report

### c. Update on Governor’s Economic Recovery for Iowa Working Group (Joel Rohne)

No Report

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## FirstNet Update (Kyle Richardson)

### a. Update Region VII

No Report

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## AT&T Update (David Barnett)

### a. Introduction of Brian Cole

- Brian is the AT&T RAN Engineer for Central Iowa
- In charge of optimization and performance

### b. Iowa Storm Response Update (Brian Cole)

- Discussion regarding Iowa’s current storm damage and FirstNet sites affected
- Generators to be delivered as soon as possible
- All roaming agreements between AT&T and US Cellular have opened up
- There was discussion regarding site capacity to stay powered when there is no line power
  - Sites typically have approximately 8 hours of battery life
  - There was discussion regarding a plan for delivering generators in a timely manner when power is lost

- AT&T will work on developing a better power plan for future incidents. Brian Cole will update the Committee regarding the plan at the September FirstNet Committee meeting.
- Placement of permanent back-up generators is currently being discussed
- Agencies are encouraged to use the Advanced Network Status Tool for viewing outages. Contact Kyle Richardson for access to the tool.

### **c. Coverage Area Updates**

- Updates are in progress for improving Band-14 coverage
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## **SWIC Report – (Chris Maiers)**

### **a. LTE Deployable Policy**

- Policy was sent back to Technology Committee for suggested edits from stakeholders
  - Received stakeholder approval of the edits
  - An update regarding the edits to the policy will be given to the board at the August 13, 2020 ISICSB meeting
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## **New Business**

### **a. Minnesota Checklist Document**

- Suggestion to create a similar document for the State of Iowa
- Document developed to compare wireless carriers
- Continue checklist discussion at September FirstNet Committee meeting

## **Questions/Comments**

None

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## **New Action Items**

1. Update on power outage plans for FirstNet towers (Brian Cole)
  2. Continue Minnesota Checklist discussion (Chair Bischof)
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## Next Meeting

**Tuesday September 8, 2020 @ 9:00 am**

**Location:** GoTo Meeting Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/979683277>

**Conference Line:** +1 (786) 535-3211

**Access Code:** 979-683-277

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## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.